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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

A five-month extension of time from September 30, 2007, up to and including February 29, 2008, is hereby respectfully requested, and the extension fee of \$1,115.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for a small entity is being paid via the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Electronic Filing System's credit card payment option. Applicant thus submits that the present Response is timely submitted on Friday, February 29, 2008.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be required to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

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